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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2003, setting a three-month term for reply, and is further in response to the March 10th, 2004 personal interview between the undersigned, Antonio Maschio, and Examiner Criares, for which Examiner Criares is thanked for the courtesies extended therein. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.136(a) and 1.17(a), it is respectfully requested that the period for reply be extended three months, i.e., to up to and including May 18, 2004. Enclosed herewith is a credit card form authorizing a charge in the amount of \$475.00 in payment of the fee therefore by a small entity, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee, or to credit any overpayment in such fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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